

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE



INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

MARCH 8, 1996

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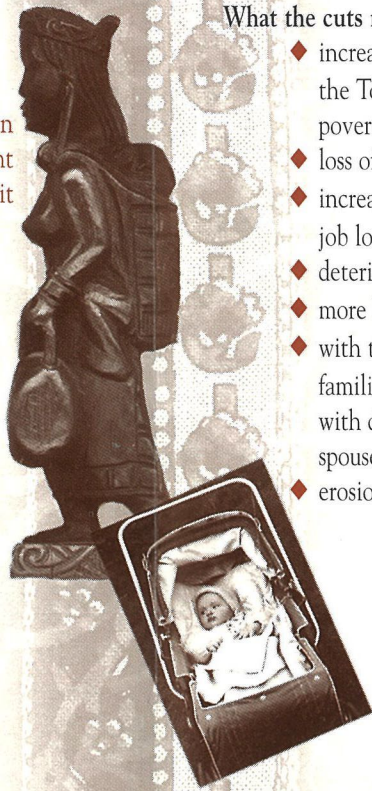
the women of Ontario declare our opposition to the policies of the Conservative government and demand a radical change in the way it governs our province.

Women and children have become the targets of the Tory cuts. Here's the evidence:

- ◆ 22 per cent cut to welfare payments
- ◆ funding cuts for women's shelters
- ◆ minimum wage frozen
- ◆ Bill 40 eliminated and trade union rights severely restricted
- ◆ funding cuts for Children's Aid
- ◆ Employment Equity Act abolished
- ◆ pay equity funds frozen—elimination of proxy and legal clinics
- ◆ a government-funded snitch line to be used against social assistance recipients
- ◆ user fees on drugs
- ◆ college and university tuition fees hiked

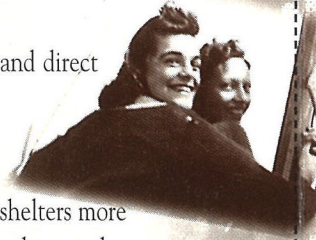
What the government has planned for the future:

- ◆ dismantling rent control
- ◆ workfare
- ◆ cuts to legal aid
- ◆ abolition of subsidies for childcare spaces
- ◆ elimination of 14,000 public sector jobs



What the cuts mean to women and families:

- ◆ increased poverty (every third child in the Toronto area lives below the poverty line)
- ◆ loss of public childcare
- ◆ increased unemployment and direct job loss
- ◆ deterioration in housing
- ◆ more homeless people
- ◆ with the cuts to women's shelters more families will be stranded and trapped with domestic violence and abusive spouses
- ◆ erosion of universal health care



We,

the women of Ontario, consider that this is a state of emergency. We formally notify the government of Ontario that if it continues to attack the rights of women, we will take all steps necessary to secure and defend our legitimate rights. Women's groups will not bow down to threats and attacks by this government.

We will resist all forms of subordination.

Ontario Women's Declaration,
December 6, 1995

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO
THIS GOVERNMENT'S
PREMEDITATED, HARMFUL AGENDA.
GET INVOLVED!

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Put me on your mailing list. I want to know more.

Yes, please send me information on how to lobby my MPP and become active in my community.

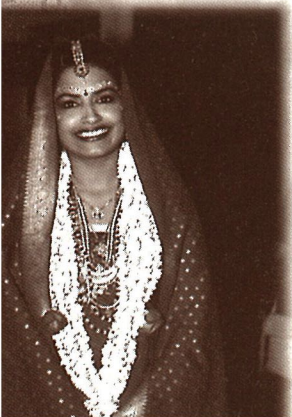
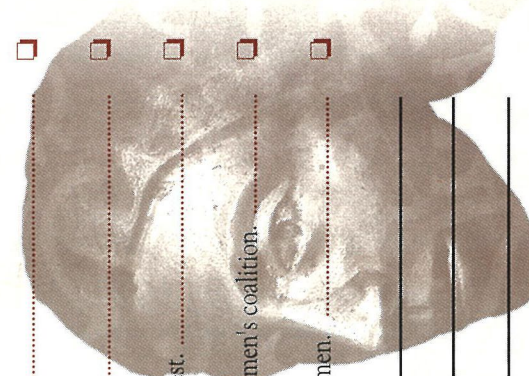
Yes, send me information on International Women's Day and the June 8th Day of Protest.

I want to be part of the fight back by my local labour council or women's coalition.

I want to join in the CLC/NAC National March for Women.

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